

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2179 - HB 3127

February 25, 1998

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides for subject matter tests in 28 specified high school courses to be developed and administered at the end of the term in which the course is taken, effective July 1, 1998. Current law provides that value added assessment shall be initiated in **all** academic subjects within secondary schools by the 1999-2000 school year.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$1,000,000 One-Time

Estimate assumes:

- Approximately \$2,900,000 is currently available in the Department of Education's budget for subject matter tests.
- Funds needed to develop and administer tests for 28 courses will exceed \$4,000,000.
- Although the current law requires that such tests be conducted in all academic subjects by the 1999-2000 school year, funds are not sufficient in the Department of Education's current budget to develop and conduct 28 tests during the 1998-99 school year.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director